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Mr. Winn Frank
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34421, HolRail LLC- Construction and Operation
Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties

Dear Mr. Frank:

Based upon information we received in a May 5, 2004 letter from Victoria Rutson of the STB, the staff of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management has the following comments. Under the Federal Consistency Regulations for Coastal Zone Management (see 15 CFR 930), OCRM must concur that this project is consistent with the SC Coastal Zone Management Program prior to construction. In addition, from Ms. Rutson's letter and her accompanying information, it appears that construction of the proposed rail line will impact on-site freshwater wetlands. This will require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit, and SCDHEC-OCRM must certify that permit. The contact person for the Federal Consistency Certification is Rob Mikell, Manager of the Federal Certification Section (843-747-4323 ext. 134). In addition, construction must be in accordance with the S. C. Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction Act. OCRM's contact person for this permit is Shannon Hicks (843-747-4323 X 123). Please contact me or the identified project managers if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

Fritz Aichele
Federal Consistency Coordinator

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